

Dear Hal,

12/25/99

*no letter filed under ARRB*

Your letter of the 19th here the first mail after I was out of the hospital to which I was sent by what was done to me for the second time, again by carelessness rather than intent, this time by getting two bacteria into me when it had my blood out of my body. I'm OK, as OK as I am now, only a little unsteadier and maybe a little weaker.

There is no doubt at all that Gunn knew there had been perjury and that Humes in particular had perjured himself. He knew from a visit to me on which he was brought by a mutual friend. That was before he got the job, when he had just applied for it. He also knew in more detail because when he was here with his assistant after he got the job I went into it in greater detail. I also told him then of not only the existence of pertinent records that had ~~been~~ been improperly withheld, I also offered him access to the three file drawers of appeal I had filed at the request of the fine man then in charge of appeals and later eased out by the FBI and its pals in the DJ.

Under the law that created it the ARRB was required to preserve and make public all its records, including correspondence and memo. Much may be lost in the vastness of it but what should be very embarrassing to it is preserved, like my book-length manuscript responding to the ignorant and false outpourings of the member who made charges against critics in even the Maryland Law Review. So to be able to identify the man you want to identify may mean that you have to dope out how it was filed.

Your idea of having Lesar trigger the search is good if he can find the time and only he can tell you that.

Wish I'd thought of Horne's correct description of the mind-set of the ARRB board. It is correct from my experiences and observation and it was similar to that of their first general counsel.

Hope you are having a good holiday seasons. It is so cold this Xmas morning at daylight that I have not even gone out for the paper. Cold that years ago I enjoyed and now I have to guard against.

Thanks and best,

*Hel*